

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
CRCOG Policy Board

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Subject: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program CRCOG Project Rankings

CRCOG recently received eight (8) candidate projects in response to a solicitation for FFY2021-2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program funding. While this solicitation assumed continuation of current eligibility requirements and funding levels, future legislation may impact which and how many projects can be initiated. CRCOG staff selected a short-list of five (5) projects, and these proposals were presented at a Special Subcommittee meeting on June 3rd. Attending members of the Transportation Committee ranked the projects from 1 (best) through 5. Average rankings were calculated, resulting in a tie for the third-ranked project. Attending members of the Transportation Committee completed an additional vote between the tied projects from Hartford and Simsbury. The Simsbury project received more votes and was therefore granted the higher priority position. The ranking results are summarized as follows:

Town	Project	Average Ranking*
New Britain	The Beeline Trail (Phase 1)	2.25
Mansfield	Downtown Pedestrian Loop Closure	2.50
Simsbury	Tarriffville Connection – Farmington Canal Heritage Trail to Curtiss Park	**3.25
Hartford	Hartford - Windsor Riverwalk Extension (Final Section)	3.25
Enfield	Town Farms Road Multi-Use Path	3.75

*The lower the ranking, the better. **Higher priority order based on tie-breaker.

As previously discussed, prioritized projects for the TA Set-Aside Program must be submitted by Transportation Management Area (TMA). It was agreed that the top three (3) projects from CRCOG towns would be submitted, and RiverCOG/NVCOG would identify and submit a project of comparable size, for a total of four (4) Hartford TMA projects to be submitted to CTDOT. RiverCOG and NVCOG have not yet finalized their project selection, and as such an overall Hartford TMA priority project list cannot be shared at this time.

Over the coming weeks, CRCOG staff will coordinate with NVCOG and RiverCOG staff to review and prioritize their selected project against the prioritized CRCOG projects outlined above. It is anticipated that CRCOG staff will be looking for endorsement and approval of a Hartford TMA priority project list by the Transportation Committee (acting as Policy Board) at the meeting on July 22, 2019.